

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Lesson ID: 51103-61832

Title: 24TH MEU (SOC) OPERATIONS IN AND AROUND KISMAYO, SOMALIA

Operation/Exercise Name: RESTORE HOPE

Observed: 27 Apr 1993

Originator: BLT 1/2, S-3

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Thorough vehicle searches, to include the undercarriage of the vehicle, are necessary when searching for weapons.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

On two occasions, weapons were found stowed away and attached to the undercarriage. Marines crawled under the vehicles in order to spot the weapons.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

Somali's hide weapons under the vehicle.
Units should bring on deployment mirrors on telescopic rods.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ensure Marines are trained to conduct thorough vehicle searches.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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